

Dear Parents,
Your child has worked very hard this year! According to research,* students who do not read over the summer can lose as much as 22% of their reading level. That means 2 months of school, down the drain!

You can help prevent this summer reading loss by encouraging your child to read over the summer. Try to read something everyday, whether it's a book, recipe, or a menu. Every word counts.

Here's to making this a summer of reading!

*Research from Reading is Fundamental
<http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/keeping-kids-off-the-summer-slide.htm>

Read a Book Online

Here are some great websites to read online:

Storyline Online—celebrities read aloud favorite children's books

<http://www.storylineonline.net>

We Give Books—read books online, and the website donates books to children in need

<http://www.wegivebooks.org>

International Children's Library—a large collection of stories from around the world

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org>

Storytime For Me—fun and colorful stories to read online

<http://storytimeforme.com>

Learn more about the importance of summer reading:

"Summer Reading Loss"

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/15218/>

"Bridging the Summer Reading Gap"

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/bridging-summer-reading-gap>

"Helping to Prevent Summer Reading Loss"

<http://www.obs.org/parents/experts/archive/2010/07/helping-to-prevent-summer-read.html>

"Summer Setback"

<http://www.release-on-reading.com/summer-setback.html>

"Primer on Summer Learning Loss"

<http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/primer-on-summer-reading-loss.htm>

